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Number of members of the staff belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the Prohibition Department.

* 1076 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers, last-grade servants and menials belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the Prohibition Department?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The number of members of the Scheduled Castes employed in the Excise and Prohibition Department is as follows :—

Gazetted officers—Nil.

Non-gazetted officers—146.

Last-grade Government servants—Nil.

Menial—1."

Selection of persons from the Revenue Department for appointment as Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in the Commercial Tax Department.

* 1077 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Government Order has been issued to select persons from the Revenue Department for appointment as Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in the Commercial Tax Department;

(*b*) if so, the number of persons selected from the Revenue Department;

(*c*) whether any Harijans were selected and if so, their number; and

(*d*) whether any qualifications were prescribed for the selection of such candidates, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The answer is not ready, Sir."

Central Government aid for the implementation of the Five-Year Plan.

* 1078 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri Palanisami, is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any grant from the Central Government for the implementation of the Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the amount that will be allotted out of it to Coimbatore district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government of India are not at present giving any block grant for the implementation of the State Five-Year Plan. Their financial

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assistance to the State Government for the implementation of the Five-Year Plan is mostly in the form of loans. They, however, sanction grants for certain specific schemes approved by them, e.g., Grow More Food Schemes included in the Plan, and also for Centrally sponsored schemes like Community Projects, Local Development Works and National Extension Service Schemes. In the revised estimate of the present Madras State for the second half of 1953–54, credit was taken for the following grants from the Government of India :—

	RS. LAKHS.
Grow More Food Schemes	50·00
Community Projects	9·18
National Extension Service and Rural Welfare Schemes	11·00

In regard to Local Development Works, the Government of India sanctioned a grant of Rs. 40 lakhs for the composite Madras State for the whole of the year 1953–54 and the share of the present Madras State alone is about Rs. 25 lakhs. It was expected that of this, about Rs. 15 lakhs would relate to the second half year.

"(*b*) The amount allotted to the Coimbatore district out of these *grants* is roughly as follows :—

Schemes.	RS. LAKHS
Grow More Food Schemes	1·14
Community Projects	1·39
Local Development works	2·37
National Extension Service Schemes	0·68 "

Leprosy Sanatorium at Chingleput.

* 1079 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open Leprosy Clinics in the Local Fund Dispensaries as in the case of Government Hospitals;

(*b*) whether any patients have been cured of leprosy after treatment in the Leprosy Sanatorium at Chingleput during the year 1953–54; and

(*c*) if so, how many and the expenditure incurred during the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) There are no fresh proposals for the opening of leprosy clinics in the Local Fund Dispensaries in the State as there are already facilities for the treatment of leprosy in these institutions.